



Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services Reminds Everyone to Change Batteries in Smoke Alarms!

On November 1st, Daylight Savings Time ends - that's also a reminder to everyone to change the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Smoke Alarm and Battery Information Cheat Sheet

- ☐ Missing or dead batteries are the main reasons smoke alarms do not sound in response to a fire.
- ☐ More than 77 million smoke alarms across the country are outdated. That's 1 in 3!
- ☐ A child was injured or killed in two-thirds of home fires because a smoke alarm wasn't working properly.
- ☐ More than 800 children age 14 and under die in home fires each year. That's 17 children each week.
- ☐ A home fire doubles in size every 30 seconds.
- ☐ After 10 years your smoke alarm has worked over 87,000 hours!
- ☐ A smoke alarm has a limited life - like any household appliance that works 24-hours a day.
- ☐ If you don't know exactly how old your smoke alarms are, you should replace them just to be safe.
- ☐ Once a house fire starts, you have less than 5 minutes to get you and your family to safety.
- ☐ Most deadly fires in America occur during the night, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The majority (51.6%) of victims of home fires die in their sleep.
- ☐ Your family's chances of surviving a home fire **DOUBLE** when there are working smoke alarms in the home.

- Each year, home fires kill more Americans than all natural disasters combined.

Public Safety Director/Chief Allen McCullough states: “Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. Children and senior citizens are most at risk, and a working smoke alarm can give them the extra seconds they need to get out safely.”